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To exempt the Great Plains Region and Rocky Mountain Region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs from trust reform reorganization pending the submission of Agency-specific reorganization plans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2004

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. APPLICABILITY OF TRUST REFORM REORGA-**
4 **NIZATION TO THE GREAT PLAINS REGION**
5 **AND ROCKY MOUNTAINS REGION OF THE BU-**
6 **REAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) AGENCY.—The term “Agency” means an
2 Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs within a Re-
3 gion.

4 (2) REGION.—The term “Region” means each
5 of the Great Plains Region and the Rocky Mountain
6 Region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

7 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 (b) NO REORGANIZATION.—Notwithstanding any im-
10 plementation of the trust reorganization plan for the Bu-
11 reau of Indian Affairs in fiscal year 2004 or 2005, the
12 Secretary shall not reorganize the Bureau at the Agency
13 level in a Region except with respect to the reform of pro-
14 bate procedure and efforts to encourage land consolida-
15 tion.

16 (c) TRUST MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE.—The
17 Secretary shall not impose trust management infrastruc-
18 ture reforms on, or alter, the existing trust resource man-
19 agement system of an Agency unless the reforms are ex-
20 pressly agreed to by the Indian tribe covered by the Agen-
21 cy.

22 (d) AGENCY PLANS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any funds made available to
24 accomplish trust reform at the Agency level shall be
25 expended in accordance with a plan developed by the

1 Indian tribe covered by the Agency, in cooperation
2 with the Secretary and approved by Act of Congress.

3 (2) TIMING.—An Agency shall submit the
4 Agency plan to the Secretary not later than 180
5 days after the date on which funds are made avail-
6 able under subsection (f).

7 (e) REPORT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—After submission to the Sec-
9 retary of an Agency plan under subsection (d)(2),
10 the Secretary shall—

11 (A) prepare a report that includes findings
12 and recommendations of the Secretary con-
13 cerning the Agency plan; and

14 (B) provide the Indian tribe covered by the
15 Agency 60 days in which to submit comments
16 regarding the findings and recommendations of
17 the Secretary.

18 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—After receiv-
19 ing comments of the Indian tribe under paragraph
20 (1)(B), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
21 on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
22 on Appropriations and the Committee on Resources
23 of the House of Representatives—

24 (A) the Agency plan;

25 (B) the report of the Secretary; and

1 (C) the comments of the Indian tribe.

2 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
3 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$200,000
4 for each Region, to be made available to the Agencies for
5 use in developing an Agency plan under subsection (d).

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